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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Task Force on Drone Utilization

Reference: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, Subject:  
Drone Utilization Study, dated 9 December 1971

Attached is a copy of the memorandum I have sent out requesting nominations for an Ad Hoc Task Force on drone utilization over the next 5-10 years in response to the Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum of 9 December 1971, copy also attached.

I understand from my discussion with you that [redacted] will be available. If we may, we will consider him as a definite part of our study group.

*Albert Hall*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR Secretaries of the Military Departments  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director, Defense Research and Engineering  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Task Force on Drone Utilization

Reference: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, Subject:  
Drone Utilization Study, dated 9 December 1971

We are proceeding to establish an Ad Hoc Drone Study Group as a means of conducting the study requested in the referenced Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum. An initial objective of this Task Force will be to focus on drone applications in intelligence and warning, considering our projected needs and other collection resources available to supply such information. It is hoped that this study will be particularly useful as a guide to our program planning.

You are afforded the opportunity to recommend participants. The study group should be constituted of those selected for their objectivity and appreciation of what our collection needs may be several years in the future. If you have a recommendation, I would appreciate receiving the name of the individual nominated by 7 January 1972.

*Albert Hall*

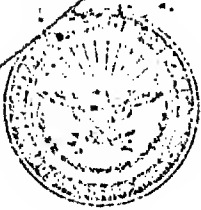
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MEMORANDUM FOR Secretaries of the Military Departments  
Director of Defense Research & Engineering  
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: Drone Utilization Study

I am concerned at the mixed success achieved in past employment of drone vehicles in reconnaissance missions. In the light of the apparent attractive features of such vehicles, I am interested in the future potential of their application in the areas of intelligence, warning, reconnaissance, and electronic warfare. I would like a study made of the place drones may fill in these areas in the next 5-10 years. That study should be use oriented to consider the role drones may have in the various areas in relation to other collection resources.

I am asking the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence to sponsor such a study. Your cooperation is requested.

*David Packard*  
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